



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Updates 1.12.18

A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the January 9, 2018 regularly scheduled meetings are provided below:

Contest Winners

The meeting began with a celebration of several local youth for their achievements in winning this year's Los Angeles County Library Bookmark Contest within their respective age groups. Also honored was the winner of the city's 8th Annual Parking Permit Art Contest. Winning entries will be available for viewing at the Hermosa Beach Public Library and on the city's Finance Department webpage.

As a reminder, the city's new 2018-2019 parking permits will go on sale starting February 5, 2018.

Go Hermosa! App

City Manager Sergio Gonzalez provided a brief overview of the City's newly launched Go Hermosa! mobile app. The smartphone application (available for free on your phone's Google Play/ iTunes App Store) allows community members to report maintenance issues throughout the city such as potholes, graffiti, sidewalk damage and other service needs with just a few clicks on their smartphone. Users of the app are then provided with real-time service updates as the City works to address the issue. A presentation and more specific instructions for residents and contractors can be found on the City's website here: <http://www.hermosabch.org/index.aspx?page=927>

Proposed Underground Utility District for Pacific Coast Highway

The City Council directed staff to initiate proceedings to form an underground utility district for Pacific Coast Highway between Artesia Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard. Other segments of Pacific Coast Highway have already had utility lines placed underground. Undergrounding of the overhead utilities and power poles provides for a clear, unimpeded sidewalk width for pedestrian use, and for a wider buffer distance between pedestrians and vehicles to promote safety. Because this project would be located on a major corridor and provide benefit to the larger community, it would be eligible to use the City's allocation of Tariff Rule 20A funds that are provided to each jurisdiction by Southern California Edison.

Landscape Maintenance Contract

A new contract for landscape maintenance services was awarded by the City Council to Merchants Landscaping Inc., in the amount of \$405,229 for services through June 2019. In September 2017, the City's previous contractor provided notice of their intent to cease service at which time staff reached out to the second lowest bidder that responded to the City's 2016 request for proposals. Merchants Landscaping will provide mowing, grass edging, weeding, litter pick-up, annual and biannual tree trimming, as well as maintenance of ball fields during baseball and soccer seasons are also included in the scope of work.

City Council Committees and 2018 Schedule

The City Council reviewed and made revisions to their Council committee assignments to various organizations and sub-committees for specific topics. Council also reviewed and approved the 2018 Council meeting schedule, including study session and special meeting dates. The calendar of 2018 Council meetings can be found on the City website here: <http://www.hermosabch.org/index.aspx?page=20>

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018 at 7PM.

Questions or comments? Contact the City Manager Sergio Gonzalez Monday through Thursday, 7AM- 6PM at (310) 318-0216. You may also email the City Manager at sgonzalez@hermosabch.org.

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